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The recent increase in the bread ration in the Russian Zone (presumably as propaganda for the forthcoming elections) was rendered possible by the following measures:

- Flour must contain 40% oats and barley (sic; presumably the former per centage was much smaller).
- The bakers have to remove the loaves from the ovens when they are only half baked so that, with their high water content, the loaves have the prescribed weight on the day of baking. This bread naturally loses weight as the days go by and is also very indigestible.

This increase is deceptive, as actually bakers at present receive only 68 kilos of flour on presentation of flour coupons with a face value of 100 kilos, whereas formerly they received 75 kilos for the same number of coupons.

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Comment Thus the increase in loaves is accomplished by a high percentage of oats and barley in the flour and a low grade baking process. The actual flour content however has diminished by 7 % for the total output and by an even higher per cent per loaf.

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